

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Charlie Goss upon being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and receiving the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful individuals that, through their exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is Charlie Goss, who has attained remarkable success during his illustrious career in the estimable sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the sport of wrestling, Mr. Goss was recently inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goss also received the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award which was given in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the development of leadership and citizenship in young people through the sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Goss began wrestling in the late 1950s as a student at East Ridge Junior High School, and he won the Tennessee State Wrestling Title in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goss is a three-time Tennessee State wrestling medalist, thus leaving his mark on the TSSAA record books as a tremendous wrestler; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Charlie Goss founded a magnificent wrestling program for youth, the East Ridge Wrestling Club, and continues to serve as the club's head coach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goss is also Head Coach of the East Ridge Middle School mat team and Assistant Coach of the East Ridge High School wrestling team; and

WHEREAS a wrestling official since 1967, Mr. Goss has refereed numerous tournaments, including TSSAA Wrestling Tournaments, Southern Conference Tournaments, and Southeastern Conference Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Goss was named the Hamilton County Athletic Conference Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1999, and was also recognized as the 1995 National Wrestling Coaches Association's Assistant Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career in the sport of wrestling, Mr. Goss has demonstrated the utmost talent, ability, and professionalism; he exemplifies the tireless commitment and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Charlie Goss for his honorable and astute service to the sport of wrestling and the youth of Tennessee, and we congratulate him upon being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and receiving the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.